

CATHOLICS

OF ST. PETER'S COLONY
WE MUST DO SOMETHING
ABOUT OUR ACADEMY
DURING THIS OUR JUBILEE YEAR



BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN
URSULINE ACADEMY
BRUNO - SASK.
JAN.—JUNE
1953





History

ST URSULA'S CONVENT

Scarcely had St. Peter's Colony been firmly established when Abbot Bruno began to look for a religious Order of teachers to take over the parochial schools of the territory. Sisters of the Order of St. Ursula responded, and the first teachers, Mother Clara and Mother Angela arrived September 2, 1913. The next day they took charge of the parochial school at Muenster, conducting classes in the sacristy of St. Peter's Church until the school and Sisters' dwelling was completed, January, 1914. Sister Notburga arrived on December 17, 1913 to keep house for the Sisters and Mother Agatha came January 14, 1914 to aid in the teaching.

Other parishes begged the Sisters to teach in their parochial schools. Leafeld began to build a school and Sisters' residence during the winter of 1913 - 1914. Bruno sent a delegate to interview Abbot Bruno and to beg the Sisters to begin teaching there, April 18. Mother Clara could not refuse. The next day she went to Bruno alone and began to teach. The pressure to which the few Sisters were subjected was somewhat relieved by the arrival of Mother Xaveria and Sister Laurentia from Winnipeg, April 23. That same summer Mother Anna Catherine arrived.

The little band of seven Sisters was not large enough to undertake all the teaching positions required in the Colony. The Sisters begged for help from their mother-house, Haseluenne, Germany. In response to their request six Sisters from Haseluenne and one from Dorsten arrived in Muenster August 14, 1914. Their trip was made rather exciting by the fact that war was declared while they were on the Atlantic. No untoward events occurred, however, and they arrived safely.

PERSONNEL OF BRUNO

Superior: Rev. Mother Catherina Distel, O.S.U.
Prefect: Mother Perpetua Plantholt, O.S.U.
Councillors: Mother Magdalen Weber, O.S.U.
 Mother Loyola Wassermann, O.S.U.
 Mother Angela Ehmann, O.S.U.
 Mother Birgitta Richardson, O.S.U.

ACADEMY

Principal: Mother Klothilde Boedeg, O.S.U.
Teachers: Mother Benedict Plemel, O.S.U.
 Mother Magdalen Weber, O.S.U.
 Mother Clementine Rohling, O.S.U.
 Mother Augustine Koett, O.S.U.
 Mother Rita Bernhold, O.S.U.
 Mother Felicitas Hornish, O.S.U.
 Mother Mary Herman Michels, O.S.U.

Sister Mary Peter Fritz, O.S.U.
 Sister Mary Louise Pape, O.S.U.
 Sister Alexis Taphorn, O.S.U.
 Postulant Marcella Hinz, O.S.U.

MISSIONS

Bruno: included above (4 Teachers)
Carmel: Mother Veronica Plemel, O.S.U. (3)
Humboldt: Mother Angela Ehmann, O.S.U. (11)
Muenster: Mother Theresa Muench, O.S.U. (4)
Englefeld: Mother Birgitta Richardson O.S.U. (4)
Watson: Mother Jerome Pulvermacher, O.S.U. (4)
Annoheim: Mother Martina Zoller, O.S.U. (3)
Marysburg: Mother Walburga Nuessmann, O.S.U. (4)
Leafeld: Mother Loyola Wasserman, O.S.U. (4)
Lake Lenore: Mother Cecilia Bartsch, O.S.U. (3)

That fall the Sisters taught in three parochial schools. At Muenster, Mother Clara, Mother Xaveria and Sister Cordula were stationed, at Leofeld, Mother Ursula, Sisters Anna Catherine, Walburga and Laurentia; at Bruno Mothers Antonia and Maria and Sister Crescentia. Meanwhile a large school and Sisters' residence was being built at Dead Moose Lake (Marysburg). After its completion, school opened January 7, 1915, staffed by Mother Clara and Sisters Walburga and Vincentia. This building pleased the Sisters so much that they made it their temporary Convent, 1916.

More Sisters had been promised by the motherhouse at Haseluenne. Because of the war, however, the motherhouse was unable to send either more Sisters or money to aid the struggling foundation. Since it was still a dependent house, though for the present out of contact with the motherhouse, the community could not even accept candidates for the novitiate to relieve the shortage of members. Meanwhile the parochial schools of Humboldt, Watson, Lake Lenore and Annaheim begged the Sisters to staff their schools.

Abbot Bruno and Bishop Pascal solved this difficulty by petitioning the Holy See to permit the Ursuline community in St. Peter's Colony to receive novices. The necessary rescript arrived in March 1916, stipulating that a separate motherhouse, independent of Haseluenne, be erected in St. Peter's Colony. This rescript was implemented May 30, 1916 by Bishop Pascal and Abbot Bruno. At Dead Moose Lake, Mother Clara was appointed the first canonical Mother Superior.

The next day, the feast of St. Angela, foundress of the Sisters of St. Ursula, two young ladies asked for admission to the new community. They were Mary Windschiel and Mary Plemel. After their postulancy they were clothed with the Ursuline habit on August 8, 1917, receiving the names of Sisters Josepha and Benedict.

Officially the Ursuline community was now established as a motherhouse. They owned no land or buildings, they had been unable to bring any money from Germany, and could expect no help from that source because of the ravages of the war. At this point they were invited to establish their permanent motherhouse at Bruno. Here a tract of land was secured north of town and the parish pledged itself to donate \$5000 toward the new building, to do all the excavating and hauling of building material free of charge. The Sisters accepted the offer and excavation began in the fall of 1918. The building, 100 x 44 was blessed by Abbot Michael November 9, 1919.

Mother Clara's three year term of office had expired on May 30, 1919. The election was held in the temporary Convent at Marysburg and Mother Antonia was chosen Superior. She headed the community for nine years. More Sisters arrived from Germany in 1921. More young ladies from the Colony joined the community. This made it possible to open new schools, Lake Lenore in 1922, Watson in 1924, Humboldt in 1927 and Annaheim in 1927.

After Mother Antonia's third term of office Mother Clara was again elected Superior for two consecutive terms. Vocations continued to come in during this time so that when her term of office was over, July 1934, the community numbered 55 Sisters. These were the years of consolidation for the young community.

In 1934 Mother Scholastica was elected Mother Superior. She was re-elected for five additional three year terms. It was her constant desire to intensify the Christ-life in the souls of all who came in contact with her. To this end she used education, prayer, conferences, zeal and prudence. Her opportunity to strengthen the Christ-life in the souls of the children of the Colony was realized in 1939, when the Catechetical Correspondence Course for the school children of the Abbey Nullius of St. Peter's was entrusted to the Ursulines. From the beginning this course was divided into two sections, the Junior course, Grades 4 to 6, and the Senior Course, Grades 7 to 12. (In 1953 a Primary course, Grades 1 to 3 was added. At present 1200 Senior lessons, 1500 Junior lessons, and 1000 Primary lessons are mailed out by the Sisters from Bruno twice a month and the answers corrected.) Two new schools were opened by the Sisters in 1950, one at Englefeld and the other at Carmel.

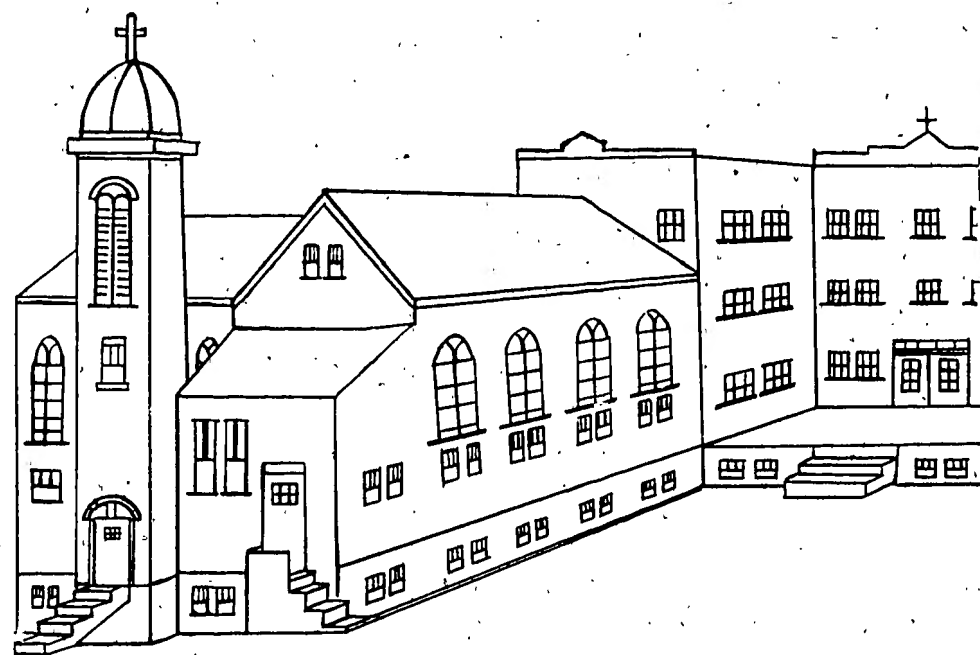
Rev. Mother Scholastica died March 21, 1952 after a lengthy illness. At her death the community numbered 80 professed Sisters. Mother Catherine was elected to succeed her.

Because of the growth of the community the present Convent can no longer meet all the requirements. A number of frame buildings were added to relieve the congestion, but they too have become inadequate. The chapel is too small to seat the community and the students. According to plans worked out by Rev. Mother Scholastica and her counsellors, a large new wing and chapel is to be erected west of the present building. The work was to have begun in 1951. Because of uncertain world conditions and the shortage of building material the execution of this plan had to be postponed. Work was begun on a part of the project during 1952.

The Sisters have taught in the Colony for the past 40 years. Who can count the number of children that have attended their schools? At present about 1200 children of the Abbey Nullius of Muenster are in attendance. Because of the work done in connection with the Catechetical Correspondence Course, and because of the training given to the girls at the Academy, the entire Colony has benefitted immeasurably. The sole aim of the teaching Sisters is to instill in the minds and hearts of pupils the appreciation of true values which make for permanent happiness. Through the influence of the children these principles reach the family and the entire community.

The work done by the Sisters in the Academy, that training center for the Catholic girl, is even more intensified than it is in the town and rural school. To date almost 700 have been enrolled in the Academy. The students have gone forth to take their place in various professions and vocations. However, the majority of the girls become mothers of families, and it is here that the most good is wrought. The lessons learned in the Academy days are transmitted to succeeding generations. Because of limited accommodations St. Ursula's Academy can find room for about two-thirds of the girls it has on its waiting list each fall. Many more should have the privilege to attend its classes. Many more deserve to receive its benefits. God alone can fittingly reward the Sisters for the work they have done. All of us who have directly or indirectly benefitted from their labors should be honored to help extend this work even more.

This we build to the Glory of God

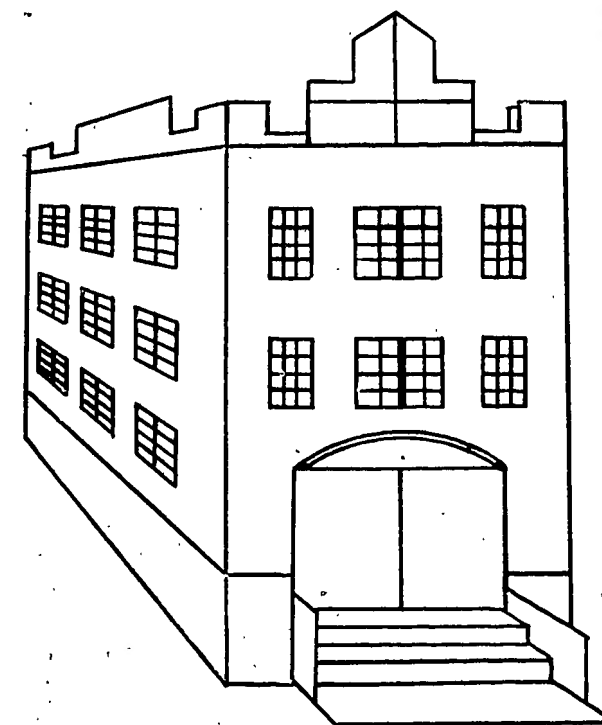


Now under construction.

\$200,000 Chapel and Wing



Present Building.



Future plans call for classroom and gymnasium wing.





Rt. Rev. Severin Gertken, O.S.B.,
Abbot Ordinary of the
Abbey Nullius of Muenster



Rev. Mother Caterina



Former Rev. Mother Scholastica

Our Need

Within the territory of the Abbey Nullius of St. Peter's, Muenster, this drive will have a double purpose. The proceeds obtained from the parishes of the Diocese of Muenster will be divided on a 50 - 50 basis between St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon, and St. Ursula's Academy, Bruno.

Those who live within this Diocese realize how much St. Ursula's Academy has done for the little Diocese in spite of the limited space in its building. They have not been able to accept many of the applications that came to them. Many girls who deserved the opportunity to attend the Academy had to be disappointed and turned away through no fault of their own simply because the little space available was already taken up.

The Academy began to enlarge its facilities in the fall of 1952. By this time the steel work on one of the proposed wings is practically up. By September the authorities hope that some of the space will be available for use, and this will be reflected in the larger number of students they can enroll. The added space will enable them to begin to meet the urgent need of this Diocese, that all the girls who wish it can have the blessings of an Academy education.

Our contributions, large or small, can help to make this dream possible. Our gifts will help to further the education of Catholics on the University level for the whole province of Saskatchewan, and they will help to increase the opportunities for a Catholic High School education for all the young ladies of our Diocese. Both projects deserve our fullest support, both are worthy of every sacrifice we can make, both will pay dividends rich in values that last forever because both are dedicated to teaching the beauties of our faith as practiced in daily life.

Our Plan

FOR REACHING A \$500,000.00 GOAL

1. Each diocesan goal will be set by the Executive Committee in conference with the Diocesan Chairman. He, of course, will have the right to accept, reject, or revise the goal.
2. Each parish goal will be determined after conference with the Diocesan Chairman and the Parish Chairman.
3. Each "group" in the parish will work out a goal with the Parish Chairman for the guidance of the solicitars.
4. Pledges will be sought from individuals, to be paid over a period of 25 months, in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, annual, or total cash installments.
5. Single cash gifts will be accepted — however, pledges for a larger contribution will be preferred, because it is a fact that much more money can be had through pledges than by one cash payment only, in an effort of this sort.
6. You will be asked to sign a pledge card for a certain amount. The card will not be held as a note to be collected by a court of law, but will merely be a private goal to guide you in making your regular contributions. It will provide a basis for the College plans. The card actually states, you "may alter or cancel if circumstances make it necessary."
7. Please do not make your contribution by mail, but wait patiently until someone calls upon you in person. This is a person-to-person Campaign. Solicitations will be made largely during the months of April and May.
8. Within the Abbey Nullius of St. Peter's, Muenster, the proceeds of the Drive will be divided on a 50-50 basis between St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon, and St. Ursula's Academy, Bruno, Sask.

How to meet these needs

It becomes apparent immediately when one thinks of raising \$500,000.00, that it will become necessary for several to make sacrifices, and the only way possible to meet a goal of this magnitude, is simply to divide that goal into smaller amounts — that is, let each diocese assume its proportionate share of the larger goal. Then, if the Diocese is to reach its goal, it will become necessary for each Parish within each Diocese to assume a proportionate share — and this is just what we propose to do in this effort.

Since this is such a worthwhile undertaking, we feel sure that the parishes will want to assume their part. Therefore, assuming that your parish will assume its amount, we hereby make a suggestion as to how this amount can be raised, giving you two examples, one of a smaller, and one of a larger parish. You can see by these examples how the feat may be accomplished.

IF YOUR PARISH GOAL IS \$2,500.00 IT MAY BE HAD THUS:

(All pledges for a period of 25 mos.)

1 Gift of \$10.00 per Month	\$250.00 — \$250.00
2 Gifts of 5.00 per Month	125.00 — 250.00
5 Gifts of 4.00 per Month	100.00 — 500.00
10 Gifts of 3.00 per Month	75.00 — 750.00
10 Gifts of 2.00 per Month	50.00 — 500.00
10 Gifts of 1.00 per Month	25.00 — 250.00
Some Smaller	

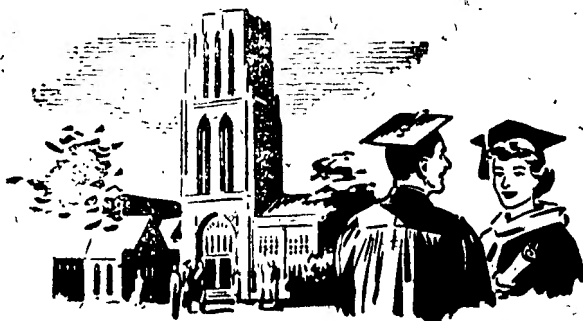
\$2,500.00

IF YOUR PARISH GOAL IS \$10,000.00 IT MAY BE HAD THUS:

(All pledges for a period of 25 mos.)

1 Gift of \$40.00 per Month	\$1,000.00 — \$1,000.00
2 Gifts of 20.00 per month	500.00 — 1,000.00
10 Gifts of 10.00 per Month	250.00 — 2,500.00
20 Gifts of 5.00 per Month	125.00 — 2,500.00
30 Gifts of 2.00 per month	50.00 — 1,500.00
30 Gifts of 1.00 per month	25.00 — 750.00
Some gifts of less than	25.00 — 750.00

\$10,000.00



St. Ursula's Academy and St. Thomas More College

will be awaiting
your children

IF

You contribute your
full share unto their
Building Fund when your
parish solicitor comes
around.



IT IS YOUR INVESTMENT
IN THE FUTURE